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Stoneham Fire Electrical

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Stoneham Fire Chief Joseph W. Rolli, and Police Chief Richard Bongiorno announced their joint investigation into the October 22, 2007 fire at 401 Main Street has determined the most probable cause was electrical.

Investigators determined that the fire started inside a bedroom wall in a rear apartment at 401 Main Street and was caused by an electrical failure. The fire spread to adjoining buildings including the Stoneham Theatre.

Coan said, "The fire department did such an excellent job preventing the spread of the fire that a production at the Stoneham Theatre will go on tomorrow as scheduled."

Chief Rolli said, "I want to commend the work of the Stoneham firefighters and thank our neighboring towns for providing mutual aid during this four alarm fire." He added, "The investigation team worked together seamlessly and were able to quickly identify the origin and cause of the fire."

The fire was jointly investigated by members of the Stoneham Fire Department, Stoneham Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

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